

FINAL POINTERS PROVERBS 22:6

I. Parent your children!

2 Corinthians 5:10 For we must **all** appear before the judgment seat of Christ; **that every one** may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

Romans 14:12 So then **every one of us** shall give account of himself to God.

If I could ask one question of parents - my #1 question would be: **Why did you have children?**

I have often heard: I want to have a baby / babies!

Ok, **what do you want to do with that baby?**

The **tasks** of parenting are many: loving, feeding, holding, hugging, nurturing, guiding, clothing, talking, listening, providing, helping, teaching, modeling, opening doors, counseling, reading....

The **goal** of parenting:

This is a little more tricky – for many it is an unasked &/ unknown question!

For many:	
That's what you do!	Need someone to love you!
To feed your addictions!	To fill your time!
To replace your...spouse, mom, dad...	To be middle class!
Because that's what _____ (my fill in the blank) does!	Expected!
Take care of me "when" I get old!	

The **goal** of parenting: to develop mature, self-controlled Christians.

Everything aims toward this according to age-appropriate, developmental stages!

- **Maturity**
- **Character** (external → internal, Control → self-control)
- **Proper boundaries**

Proper boundaries are the property line of where **one** person ends **and another** person begins.

The child then knows that the child's **behaviors, attitudes, & feelings** are their own, under their control, and their responsibility

The child can take "ownership"

I made me do it, feel it & like / dislike it!

Galatians 3:24 Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster **to** bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. **Galatians 3:25** But **after** that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

Galatians 4:1 Now I say, That the heir, **as long as he is a child**, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; **Galatians 4:2** But is **under tutors and governors until** the time appointed of the father.

Can he / she:	
Be responsible	Show empathy / sympathy
Grow	Develop his / her abilities
Solve problems	Deal with failure / rejection
Plan	Follow through
Focus	Work hard
Love	Tell the truth

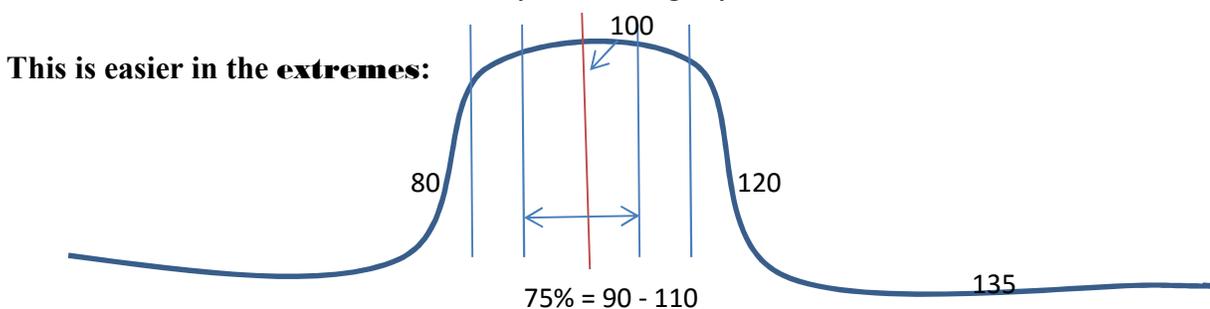
II. Parent **your** children!

Romans 12:3 For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, **not** to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; **but** to think soberly, **according as** God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

Romans 12:6 Having then gifts **differing** according to the grace that is given to us....

Romans 12:16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

1 Corinthians 4:7 For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?



Thoughts:

- Kids are usually **similar** to the parents

How did you do in school? In the 100 yard dash? At gymnastics? In math? At climbing? In strength?

- Similar to one parent or the other parent or a combination of the parents!

- Exceptions are exactly that → exceptions

Either God-given or from family heritage

➤ **Parent each child as an individual**

Gifts	Abilities	Talents
Interests	Passions	Inclinations
Lack of ...	Limitations	

➤ **Combine gifting with character, drive & time!!!**

Hebrews 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and **patience** (μακροθυμίας) inherit the promises.

Hebrews 10:36 For ye have need of **patience** (ὑπομονῆς), that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

Proverbs 13:4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing: but the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.

Proverbs 20:4 The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold; therefore shall he beg in harvest, and have nothing.

Proverbs 22:29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

III. Parent your children not your childhood!

1 Samuel 1:3 And this man went up out of his city yearly to worship and to sacrifice unto the LORD of hosts in Shiloh. **And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, the priests of the LORD, were there.**

1 Samuel 2:11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto the LORD **before Eli the priest.** **1 Samuel 2:12** **Now the sons of Eli were sons of Belial; they knew not the LORD.**

1 Samuel 2:17 Wherefore the sin of the young men was very great before the LORD: for men abhorred the offering of the LORD.

1 Samuel 2:22 Now Eli was very old, **and heard all that his sons did unto all Israel; and how they lay with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.**

1 Samuel 2:23 And he said unto them, **Why** do ye such things? for I hear of your evil dealings by all this people. **1 Samuel 2:24** Nay, my sons; for it is no good report that I hear: ye make the LORD'S people to transgress. **1 Samuel 2:25** If one man sin against another, the judge shall judge him: but if a man sin against the LORD, who shall intreat for him? Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto the voice of their father, because the LORD would slay them. **1 Samuel 2:26** And the child Samuel grew on, and was in favour both with the LORD, and also with men.

1 Samuel 8:1 And it came to pass, **when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.** **1**

Samuel 8:2 Now the name of his firstborn was Joel; and the name of his second, Abiah: they were judges in Beersheba. **1 Samuel 8:3** **And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.**

Thoughts:

➤ **Everyone has a childhood**

- **Everyone's childhood impacts him / her**

We tend to either repeat or reacts

Remember: the opposite of dysfunctional is dysfunctional

- **Not everyone has worked through their childhood!**
- **The worst childhood is the unexamined childhood!**
- **No one has worked through their childhood until they can tell the truth about their childhood!**

This is not TV! This is telling the truth to **at least** yourself and the Lord

John 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; **John 8:32** And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 8:36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

Psalms 51:6 Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

This would include:

- **What really happened**
 - Earn love and affection
 - Always on trial
 - Put down
- **How what happened impacted you!**
- **Why you should / shouldn't repeat it**

Balance will feel so weird!

The less it's understood the more it will impact and the worse the impact will be!

Ephesians 4:11 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; **Ephesians 4:12** For the perfecting of the saints, **for** the work of the ministry, **for** the edifying of the body of Christ: **Ephesians 4:13** Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: